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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Simla-4, the 8th February, 1966

No. 24/9/64-Fin-R&E.—In pursuance of rule 152 of the General Financial Rules, 1963 and after obtaining the approval of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) vide their letter No. F.7/32/65-GC. II, dated 13th October, 1965, the Lieutenant Governor, Himachal Pradesh, is pleased to make the following rules for regulating the expenditure out of the amount placed at the disposal of the Government of Himachal Pradesh for making *ex-gratia* payments in exceptional cases of distress among un-employed goldsmiths:—

1. These rules may be called the “Ex-gratia Payments to Un-employed Goldsmiths (Regulation of Expenditure) Rules, 1965.

2. These rules shall come into force from the date of issue of this Notification.

3. *Definitions:*

(i) “Lieutenant Governor” means the Lieutenant Governor, Himachal Pradesh.

(ii) “Ex-gratia payment” means the payment of some amount made to a goldsmith as a measure of interim relief.

- (iii) "Goldsmith" means a person who was dependent purely or mainly for his livelihood on the manufacture of gold ornaments etc. for at least one year prior to January 10, 1963 and who possesses a valid certificate from a Tehsildar or Naib-Tehsildar identifying him as such.
- (iv) "The Gold Control Officer" means the Gold Control Officer, Himachal Pradesh.
The Finance Secretary, Himachal Pradesh performs the duties of the Gold Control Officer.
- (v) "Fund" means the funds placed by the Government of India at the disposal of Himachal Pradesh Government for making *ex-gratia* payments to the goldsmiths.
- (vi) "Tehsildar concerned" means the Tehsildar working on revenue side of the area in which a goldsmith whom *ex-gratia* payment is proposed to be made, had resided for at least one year prior to January 10, 1963.

4. *Ex-gratia* payments may be sanctioned by the Gold Control Officer with the prior approval in writing of the Lieutenant Governor.

5. The *ex-gratia* payments shall be made in the manner hereinafter specified:—

- (a) The Gold Control Officer may make *ex-gratia* payments out of the funds placed at the disposal of Government of Himachal Pradesh in exceptional cases of distress among un-employed goldsmiths of Himachal Pradesh which may come to his notice and which in his opinion deserve some interim relief. The Gold Control Officer shall not make payments out of the funds to any other person excepting the goldsmiths.
- (b) The maximum amount of *ex-gratia* relief payable out of the funds to a goldsmith family will not exceed Rs. 250.
- (c) The *ex-gratia* payments to goldsmiths will be of non-recurring nature.
- (d) The applicant must not have obtained any assistance from any other Government source or under the scheme of rehabilitation of goldsmiths.
- (e) The applicant should declare and it should be verified that he has no other source of income.

6. The assistance to the goldsmiths in following cases will be prohibited:—

- (i) Persons who were earning the major part of their income from allied occupations such as working on silver, stones etc. or have other business and occupation like cultivation of land.
- (ii) Goldsmiths who continue in the profession as dealers employees or out-workers of dealers, certified goldsmiths.

7. Since certification and rehabilitation schemes of goldsmiths have made some progress in the State of Himachal Pradesh, the need for payment of *ex-gratia* relief should not generally arise and the recourse to the payment from *ex-gratia* grant is to be made sparingly.

8. *Accounts*—

- (a) The expenditure shall be subject to audit by the Accountant General, Punjab.
- (b) The Gold Control Officer, shall produce vouchers for the expenditure bearing payees' stamped receipts and identification certificates recognising the payees as goldsmiths for the purpose of audit together with a certificate by the Gold Control Officer that the expenditure drawn on the bills has been duly sanctioned by the competent authority and could not, with due regard to public interest, be avoided.
- (c) A proper account and disbursement will be maintained in the office of the Gold Control Officer and every payment will be attested by him.

By order,

PREM RAJ MAHAJAN,

Finance Secretary-cum-Gold Control Officer.